

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:)	Chapter 11
JOANN INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
)	Re: Docket No. 4

INTERIM ORDER

**(I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO (A) SERVE CERTAIN
PARTIES IN INTEREST BY EMAIL, (B) APPROVE THE FORM
AND MANNER OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT,
(C) REDACT OR WITHHOLD CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF
CUSTOMERS, AND (D) REDACT CERTAIN PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE
INFORMATION OF INDIVIDUALS, AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for the entry of an interim order (this “Interim Order”), (a) authorizing the Debtors to (i) serve certain parties in interest by email, (ii) approve the form and manner of service of the notice of commencement of these chapter 11 cases, (iii) redact or withhold certain confidential information of customers, and (iv) redact certain personally identifiable information of individuals, (b) scheduling a final hearing to consider approval of the Motion on a final basis, and (c) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334, which was referred to

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors’ mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

the Court under 28 U.S.C. § 157 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein, if any, at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

1. The Motion is granted on an interim basis as set forth herein.
2. The final hearing (the "Final Hearing") on the Motion shall be held on February 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., (Eastern Time). Any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Motion shall be filed on or before 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on February 4, 2025 and shall be served on: (a) the Debtors, JOANN Inc., 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236, Attn.: Ann Aber, EVP, Chief Legal and Human Resources Officer; (b) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, (i) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Aparna Yenamandra, P.C. (aparna.yenamandra@kirkland.com) and 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago Illinois 60654, Attn.: Jeffrey Michalik (jeff.michalik@kirkland.com), and Lindsey Blumenthal (lindsey.blumenthal@kirkland.com) and (ii) Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1410,

Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Patrick J. Reilley (preilley@coleschotz.com), Stacy L. Newman (snewman@coleschotz.com), Michael E. Fitzpatrick (mfitzpatrick@coleschotz.com), and Jack M. Dougherty (jdougherty@coleschotz.com); (c) the United States Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Malcolm M. Bates (malcolm.m.bates@usdoj.gov); (d) counsel to the Prepetition ABL Agent, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, One Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attn.: Christopher Carter (christopher.carter@morganlewis.com) and Marjorie Crider (marjorie.crider@morganlewis.com); (e) counsel to the Prepetition FILO Agent, Choate Hall & Stewart LLP, 2 International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attn.: John Ventola (jventola@choate.com) and Jonathan Marshall (jmarshall@choate.com); (f) counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Lender Ad Hoc Group, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 200 Park Avenue New York, New York 10166, Attn.: Scott Greenberg (SGreenberg@gibsondunn.com), Kevin Liang (KLiang@gibsondunn.com), and Josh Brody (JBrody@gibsondunn.com); (g) counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, ArentFox Schiff LLP, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, 42nd Floor, New York, New York 10019, Attn.: Jeffrey Gleit (jeffrey.gleit@afslaw.com) and 1717 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006, Attn.: Jonathan Bagg (jonathan.bagg@afslaw.com), and 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 7100, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Attn.: Matthew Bentley (matthew.bentley@afslaw.com); (h) counsel to Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020, Attn.: Steven Reisman (sreisman@katten.com) and Cindi Giglio (cgiglio@katten.com); and (i) any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

3. The requirements of Local Rules 1007-2(a) and 2002-1(f)(v) that separate mailing matrices be submitted for each Debtor are permanently waived, and the Debtors are authorized to

submit a consolidated Creditor Matrix, *provided* that if any of these chapter 11 cases converts to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, each applicable Debtor shall file its own creditor mailing matrix within fourteen days of any such conversion.

4. As soon as practicable after entry of an order authorizing Kroll's retention as Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors shall furnish to Kroll a consolidated Creditor Matrix. Except to the extent a party has consented to service via email, when serving any notice in these cases on the Debtors' creditors who are individuals, the Claims and Noticing Agent and, where applicable, the Clerk of the Court, shall use the individuals' residential addresses.

5. The Debtors are authorized, on an interim basis, pursuant to section 107(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, to redact the names, addresses, and email addresses of their customers from any filings with the Court or made publicly available in these chapter 11 cases, *provided, however*, that the Debtors shall be required to make a separate request for sealing relief in connection with any other filings with the Court or made publicly available in these chapter 11 cases.

6. The Debtors are authorized, on an interim basis, pursuant to section 107(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, to redact on the Creditor Matrix, Schedules and Statements, affidavits of service, and any other document filed with the Court by the Debtors, the home and email addresses of any natural persons, including individual creditors and individual equity holders. The Debtors shall provide an unredacted version of the Creditor Matrix, Schedules and Statements, and any other filings redacted pursuant to this Interim Order to (a) the Court, the U.S. Trustee, counsel to any official committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases, the Claims and Noticing Agent, and (b) any party in interest upon a request to the Debtors (email is sufficient) or to the Court that is reasonably related to these chapter 11 cases, *provided* that any receiving party shall not transfer or

otherwise provide such unredacted document to any person or entity not party to the request. The Debtors shall inform the U.S. Trustee promptly after denying any request for an unredacted document pursuant to this Interim Order.

7. Nothing herein precludes a party in interest's right to file a motion requesting that the Court unseal the information redacted by this Interim Order.

8. The Debtors shall file a redacted version of the Creditor Matrix, Schedules and Statements, or other document filed with the Court, as well as post it on Kroll's website.

9. For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors shall file an unredacted Creditor Matrix under seal with the Court.

10. Nothing in this Interim Order shall waive or otherwise limit the service of any document upon or the provision of any notice to any natural person whose personally identifiable information is sealed or redacted pursuant to this Interim Order. Service of all documents and notices upon individuals whose personally identifiable information is sealed or redacted pursuant to this Interim Order shall be confirmed in the corresponding certificate of service.

11. To the extent a party in interest files a document on the docket in these chapter 11 cases that is required to be served on creditors whose information is under seal pursuant to this Interim Order, such party in interest shall contact counsel for the Debtors who shall work in good faith, with the assistance of the Claims and Noticing Agent, to effectuate the service on such party's behalf.

12. The Debtors, through their Claims and Noticing Agent, are authorized to serve all pleadings and papers, including the Notice of Commencement, via email on all parties, *provided* such party has consented in writing to email service, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any of the Debtors' customers who previously consented to receive email communications. For parties

to be served by physical mail, such parties will receive service at the mailing address in the Debtors' books, records, and files or a mailing address designated under Bankruptcy Rules 2002(g)(1) or 5003(e). This Interim Order does not authorize service by email of any complaint or other pleading filed in an adversary proceeding, unless the party to be served consents to email service of the applicable document(s). Nothing in this order prevents the Debtors from additionally serving any party by email in addition to the methods of service set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 9036. If notice is provided to any of the Debtors' customers by hard copy U.S. first class mail service, such notice need not exceed one page if it includes a website URL that links directly to the document(s) to which such notice relates.

13. The Notice of Commencement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, is approved. Service of the Notice of Commencement shall be deemed adequate and sufficient notice of (a) the commencement of these chapter 11 cases and (b) the scheduling of the meeting of creditors under section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code.

14. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and such notice satisfies the requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules.

15. Notwithstanding any Bankruptcy Rule to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Interim Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon entry.

16. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.

17. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Interim Order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Goldblatt", is positioned above the printed name of the judge.

Dated: January 17th, 2025
Wilmington, Delaware

CRAIG T. GOLDBLATT
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE